

GOLD RUSH



USA head coach Mike Krzyzewski helps cut down the net as he celebrates after the final of the World Basketball Championship between Turkey and the USA, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, in Istanbul. Associated Press

U.S. beats Turkey 81-64 for world championship

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer
ISTANBUL (AP) — Kevin Durant scored 28 points as the United States silenced a raucous home crowd and beat Turkey 81-64 on Sunday to win the gold medal at the world basketball championship for the first time in 16 years.

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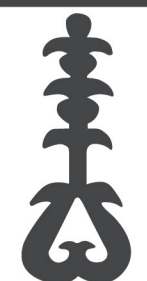
People gather at the Capitol for a "Remember in November" rally to express opposition to government spending, particularly bailouts and economic policies backed by President Obama and Democrats in Congress, in Washington, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010. Associated Press

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Coast to coast, tea partiers promote their cause

Oaks, Calif., one of about 4,000 people to attend Sacramento's "United to the Finish" gathering. Thousands of tea party activists also turned up at rallies

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Originally billed as a chance to reflect on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a series of raucous tea party rallies around the country on Sunday ended up focusing almost entirely on an event still to come — the Nov. 2 election. "We are your everyday, average, churchgoing families, we represent the majority of people in this nation, and we're ready to take back our government," said Pam Pinkston of Fair

in Washington, D.C., and St. Louis to spread their message of smaller government and focus their political movement on the pivotal congressional elections in November. Several thousand people marched along Pennsylvania Avenue from the Washington Monument to the Capitol, many carrying signs reading "Congress You're Fired" and "Let Failures Fail and 'Impeach Obama."

"It wouldn't bother me to make a clean sweep," said Michael Power of Decatur, Ala., endorsing term limits for members of Congress. "There are some good ones, but we can lose those."

Leslie and Gary Morrison of Redding drove 150 south to the former McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento with their dog Phoebe, just two weeks after flying to Washington to attend a large rally hosted by conservative commentator Glenn Beck. They said they liked the feeling of solidarity at the tea party events.

"This is a way to get people focused before the election," Leslie Morrison said. "And it's a way to get the tea party's true numbers seen."

Many attending the various rallies wore red, white and blue clothing and carried yellow flags with the picture of a snake coiled above the inscription "Don't

Tread On Me."

In Sacramento, speakers railed against health care reform, the economic stimulus and President Barack Obama while standing in front of a 12-foot plastic replica of the Statue of Liberty.

In St. Louis, crowds packed the area between the Gateway Arch and the Mississippi River while a band dressed in powdered wigs and 18th century clothing belted out KISS's "I Want to Rock 'N Roll All Night."

Organizers say the events intended to call attention to what they describe as big government run amok and to recall the sense of national unity Americans felt the day after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The rallies also represent an opportunity to build momentum before the November election. The tea party is counting on its members to turn out in large

numbers and prove that the movement is a political force with staying power.

"We've lost respect in the world. We are going broke. The American dream is dying and our social and cultural fabric is unraveling," said Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., who spoke at the Washington rally. "People are scared. If we do not succeed in November, all that once was good and great about this country could someday be gone."

Most of the rally-goers were already faithful tea party activists, and it will take a lot more than just them to make real waves at the polls, acknowledged Tea Party Patriots co-founder Mark Meckler. "We want to fire people up today, so that then they'll go out and get the new people," Meckler, of Nevada City, Calif., said backstage at the Sacramento event.







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SEATTLE – Opponents of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy against gays serving in the military are hoping for another major legal victory as a federal trial begins Monday over whether to reinstate a lesbian flight nurse discharged from the Air Force Reserve. The trial comes just days after a federal judge in California declared “don’t ask, don’t tell” an unconstitutional violation of the due process and free speech rights of gays and lesbians. While the ruling



does not affect the legal issues in the case of former Maj. Margaret Witt, gay rights activists believe a victory - and her reinstatement - could help build momentum for repealing the policy. “There’s already political momentum to do something to repeal this unfair statute,” said Aaron Caplan, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles who is on Witt’s legal team. “Judicial opinions from multiple jurisdictions saying there’s a constitutional problem with this ought to encourage Congress to act more swiftly.”

Witt was a member of a squadron based at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma when

she was suspended in 2004 and honorably discharged.

She challenged the constitutionality of her dismissal, and a federal appeals court panel ruled in 2008 that the military could not discharge service members for being gay unless it proved that the firing furthered military readiness.

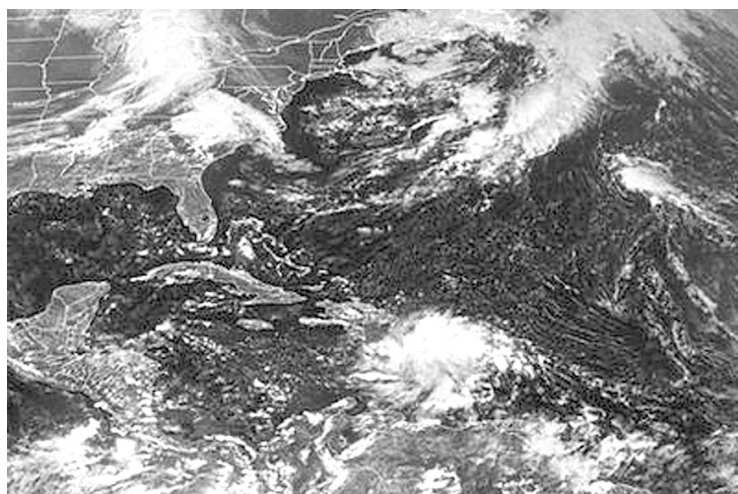
The case was sent back to U.S. District Court in Tacoma for Judge Robert Leighton to determine whether Witt’s firing met that standard. Several of Witt’s former colleagues are expected to testify that she was an excellent

nurse, and it was her dismissal - not her sexual orientation - that caused morale problems in the unit.

Justice Department lawyers representing the Air Force note that the case has put them in the position of defending a law neither the president nor the department itself believes is good policy. Defense Secretary Robert Gates also favors repealing the 1993 law, which prohibits the military from asking about the sexual orientation of service members but allows the discharge of those who acknowledge being gay or are discovered to be engaging in homosexual activity.

Hurricane Igor rapidly hits Category 4 in Atlantic

MIAMI – Forecasters say Hurricane Igor has rapidly strengthened to a Category 4 storm in the open Atlantic. It doesn’t immediately threaten land, but is expected to get stronger as it moves west. Meanwhile, a tropical depression off the coast of Africa prompted officials to issue a tropical storm warning for parts of the Cape Verde Islands on Sunday.



Igor had maximum sustained winds of 140 mph (220 kph) and was moving west at 14 mph (22 kph). Some additional strengthening is expected in the next two days.

The center of the storm was located about 1,065 miles (1,715 km) east of the Northern Leeward Islands. Forecasters also warned that the newly formed depression

could strengthen into a tropical storm as early as Sunday night. The storm warning was issued for the southern Cape Verde Islands, including Maio, Sao Tiago, Fogo and Brava.



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Fellow Americans' suspicions frustrate US Muslims

NEW YORK – Nine years of denouncing terrorism, of praying side-by-side with Jews and Christians, of insisting “I’m American, too.” None of it could stop a season of hate against Muslims that made for an especially fraught Sept. 11. Now, Muslims are asking why their efforts to be accepted in the United States have been so easily thwarted.

“We have nothing to apologize for, we have nothing to fear, we have nothing to be ashamed of, we have nothing that we’re guilty of — but we need to be out there and we need to express this,” said Imam Mohammed Ibn Faqih in a sermon at the Islamic Institute of Orange County in Anaheim, Calif., the day before the 9/11 anniversary.

There is no simple way for American Muslims to move forward.

Images of violence overseas in the name of Islam have come to define the faith for many non-Muslims at home. The U.S. remains at war in Afghanistan, and although America has formally declared an end to its combat operations in Iraq, U.S. troops there continue to fight alongside Iraqi forces.

Within the U.S., domestic terror has become a greater threat, while ignorance about what Islam teaches is widespread. More than half of respondents in a recent poll by the Pew Forum for Religion & PublicLife said they knew little or nothing about the Muslim faith.

Some U.S. Muslims say their national organizations share the blame, for answering intricate questions about Islam with platitudes, and failing to fully examine the potential for extremism within their communities. Muslim leaders often respond when terrorists strike by saying Islam is a “religion of peace” that has no role in the violence instead of confronting the legitimate concerns of other Americans, these Muslim critics say.

“There’s a quaintness and naivete or outright whitewashing of some very complex issues,” said Saeed Khan, who teaches at Wayne State University in Detroit. “This has caused a lot of frustration for a lot of Muslim Americans, myself included.”



The summer frenzy about Islam in America has revolved around Park51, a community center and mosque planned two blocks from New York’s ground zero. Opponents and supporters of the center converged on the area for protests and counter-protests Saturday after the morning memorial ceremony at the World Trade Center site.

In recent months, mosques in Tennessee, California, New York and elsewhere have been shot at and vandalized. Threatening messages were left at one mosque. A Florida pastor caused a global uproar with his ultimately unfulfilled threat to make a bonfire of Qurans on Sept. 11.

Many Jewish, Roman Cath-

olic, mainline Protestant, evangelical, atheist and other groups have responded with an outpouring of support for Muslims, but suspicion remains high among many Americans.

Islamic centers have become a focus of non-Muslim fears. Federal authorities have placed informants in mosques, saying doing so is a critical counter-terrorism tool. Muslim groups have separately created national campaigns encouraging congregations to monitor for any sign of radicalization, but they have also complained bitterly about the use of informants, worried the innocent will be caught up in the net police have set for criminals.

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Iranian prosecutor ready to release American woman

TEHRAN, Iran – After a power struggle within Iran’s conservative leadership put her freedom in doubt, an American woman arrested more than a year ago along the Iraq border is on the verge of heading home. Her two companions, however, could be on their way to spy trials. Sarah Shourd could be released in the “next two or three days” — or even sooner — after \$500,000 bail is paid, said Masoud Shafiei, the Iranian lawyer for Shourd and the other detained Americans, Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had personally promised Shourd’s release on Friday as a sign of Islamic compassion at the end of the holy month of Ramadan but was quickly slammed down by the judiciary — which turned around Sunday and set its own ground rules, including the bail amount. Swiss diplomats, who represent U.S. interests in Iran because the two countries do not have direct diplomatic relations, were making arrangements to post bail.

“Based on the judiciary decision, the lady will be released,” Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said at a news conference.

But as Iranian authorities paved the way for Shourd’s release on healthgrounds, they also appeared to be moving their espionage accusations into high gear.

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LA environmental school site in toxic soil cleanup

LOS ANGELES — Students at a new green themed school named for noted conservationists Rachel Carson and Al Gore don't have to go far for a lesson in environmental contamination: Their \$75 million campus was laden with toxic soil.

Los Angeles Unified district officials have spent \$4 million to clean up the site of the new Carson-Gore Academy of Environmental Studies, which is set to open Monday.

The three-acre site, located in a low-income neighborhood west of downtown LA, was contaminated with carcinogenic solvents that leaked from 17 underground storage tanks discovered during construction. The land had been previously used by light industrial businesses.

The school district said the school has been cleared by state toxic control authorities and is ready to receive its 675 elementary students, whose curriculum will be sprinkled with environmental themes. But a coalition of environmental groups argues the district is not going far enough to prevent possible soil vapor intrusion into classrooms from an outside source of contamination. The site is bordered by a gas station and an oil well. Testing at the site indicated that contamination was coming from a source other than the storage tanks onsite, said Jane Williams, executive director of California Communities Against Toxics, who has been monitoring the issue. That pollution could affect the groundwater, which could



send vapors into the building. "The site is not completely cleaned up," Williams said. "They should have surveyed the whole site, and they need to monitor the air in the school."

In a statement, the school district said the groundwater is being remediated and will be monitored according to state requirements. Toxic soil has been replaced with clean soil to a depth of 45 feet and a barrier has been installed along the property line with the gas station as part of the \$4 million remediation plan. The neighboring oil well has been assessed and does not pose a threat to the school. California has the strictest environmental regulations in the nation and the district is meeting them all, the statement said.

"There are NO significant health risks identified in the Environmental Impact Report," the statement said. "The Carson-Gore elementary school is safe and will open for students on September 13, 2010."

Despite that reassurance, parents are concerned, said community activist Deborah Bellholt, who has represented parents at meetings. "There's very little information that's given to parents," she said. In an Aug. 31 e-mail to the school board and Superintendent Ramon Cortines, the coalition noted the irony of naming of a polluted school site for Carson and Gore.

"We feel that renaming this terribly contaminated school after two famous environmental advocates is an affront to the great work these individuals have done to protect the public's health from harm and greenwashing," wrote the California Safe Schools Coalition.

Gore's office declined to comment. The school is believed to be the first named for the former vice president, who was not notified about it, said Gore spokesman Matthew Feldman.

Gore has won numerous honors for his defense of the environment, including the Nobel Peace Prize and an Academy Award for a documentary based on his book "An Inconvenient Truth" in 2007.

The school's other namesake, Carson, who is credited with founding the environmental awareness movement, would have applauded the school,

but would have been horrified at its pollution, said Linda Lear, a former environmental history professor considered the foremost expert on Carson's work.


Students will receive "a wonderful lesson of restoration," Lear said.

Carson, who died in 1964, was the author of "Silent Spring," which sparked public awareness of the effect of pesticides on the environment and human health. A number of schools in the Maryland and Virginia area, where Carson mostly lived, have been named for her, Lear said.

Environmentalists said they will continue to monitor the school's environmental health. "My hope is that they meet the standards of the fine work Rachel Carson and Al Gore have done and gone beyond," said Robina Suwol, executive director of California Safe Schools Coalition.

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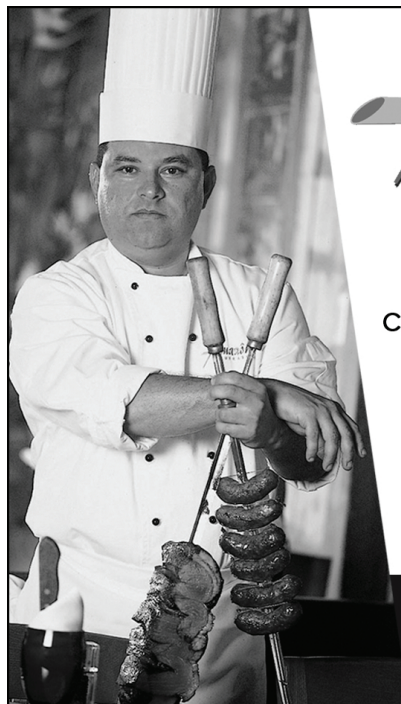
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Israeli PM: Current settlement curbs won't remain

MARK LAVIE

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday the current restrictions on West Bank settlements will not remain in place, though there will still be some limits on construction.

Israel's 10-month freeze on new housing starts in West Bank settlements expires at the end of this month and is a key point of contention in newly launched peace talks with the Palestinians. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has threatened repeatedly to quit the talks if Israel does not renew the restrictions.

Netanyahu told Mideast envoy Tony Blair, "the Palestinians demand that after Sept. 26, there will be zero building" in the West Bank.

"That will not happen," Netanyahu said. Israel will not build "tens of thousands of housing units that are in the pipeline, but we will not freeze the lives of the residents."

He did not provide details or timelines, but his statement means the ban on new housing starts would be at least partially lifted.

The prime minister imposed a 10-month settlement slowdown in the West Bank to promote the resumption of peace talks. But several thousand housing units already being built were allowed to continue, and the measure does not apply to Jewish neighborhoods in east



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, talks with cabinet secretary Zvi Houzer during the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010.

Associated Press

Jerusalem. Even so, there has been a de facto halt to new construction there as well.

Over the weekend President Barack Obama urged Netanyahu to keep the slowdown in place.

Members of Netanyahu's Likud Party and government coalition partners oppose extending the restrictions on housing starts.

Blair's office would not immediately comment about the details of his meeting with Netanyahu.

Palestinians repeated their threats to leave the talks after Netanyahu's announcement.

"Our position is very clear," said spokesman Husam Zomlot. "Should the settlement construction and expansion continue, we are out."

Negotiator Nabil Shaath rejected one possible scenario — that Israel would halt

construction in outlying settlements but allow building in settlement blocks closer to the Israel-West Bank line. Shaath said this would appear to give Israel the right to decide which settlements it will keep.

Palestinians want a state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. They have expressed willingness to trade West Bank territory with Israel in exchange for Israeli land to allow some settlements to remain within Israeli borders after a peace deal, but no detailed agreement has been reached.

Netanyahu also told Blair the Palestinians must recognize Israel as a Jewish state, but he would not make that a condition for continuing the negotiations.

"I'm not saying that if this doesn't happen, I will get up and leave the peace talks," he

said.

He also questioned the Palestinian stand on settlement construction, saying "it is not logical for the Palestinians to set a precondition and threaten to abandon the talks."

Speaking at the weekly meeting of his Cabinet earlier Sunday, Netanyahu said that Israel recognizes the principle of two states for two peoples, the Israelis and the Palestinians, but the Palestinians speak only of two states. "I hear them saying 'two states' but I do not hear them recognizing two states for two peoples," he said.

Palestinian leaders have refused to recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people because some 20 percent of its citizens are Arabs, and the Palestinians claim the right of refugees and their descendants from the 1948-49 war that followed Israel's creation — several million people in total — to return to their homes in Israel.

Israelis firmly reject that as an attempt to undermine the Jewish character of their state. Netanyahu is to meet with Abbas on Tuesday for their first meeting since peace talks resumed at the White House earlier this month.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and former Sen. George Mitchell, Obama's special envoy to the region, will be joining them for the meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. The scene will then shift to Jerusalem

for a second day of talks on Wednesday.

Also Sunday, Hamas security officials said an Israeli tank opened fire on north Gaza, killing three Palestinians and wounding five more.

The Israeli military said soldiers opened fire on Palestinian militants who were about to fire a rocket-propelled grenade near the Israeli border.

Clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinians are common. Israel says Palestinians often try to infiltrate or plant explosives on the border and sometimes fire rockets and mortars at Israel.

Palestinians complain that Israel is enforcing a wide no-go zone in Gaza, and soldiers open fire on farmers and other civilians who enter.

Hamas is the militant Islamic group that rules Gaza. On Sunday, a top Israeli security commander warned Israel's Cabinet that Hamas would try to torpedo the new peace talks, according to a participant in the meeting who spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting was closed.

Shin Bet chief Yuval Diskin said his security assessment was based on evidence supplied by intelligence agents.

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In referendum, Turks reject military-era laws

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ISTANBUL (AP) — Turks approved sweeping changes to their military-era constitution Sunday — a referendum hailed by the government as a leap toward full democracy in line with its troubled bid to join the European Union.

With 99 percent of the vote counted, 58 percent had cast ballots in favor of the constitutional amendments, state-run TRT television said. About 42 percent voted “no,” heeding opposition claims that the reforms would shackle the independence of the courts.

The referendum on 26 amendments to a constitution crafted after a 1980 military coup had become a battleground between the Islamic-oriented government and traditional power elites — including many in the armed forces — who fear Turkey’s secular principles are under threat.

Voter turnout was 78 percent, and the result amounted to a vote of confidence in the ruling Justice and Development Party ahead of elections next year.

“We have crossed a historic threshold toward advanced democracy and the supremacy of law,” Prime Minister Recep



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, rear, and his wife Emine Erdogan arrive at a polling station to cast their vote in a referendum on changes to the constitution that was crafted in the wake of Turkey’s 1980 military coup, in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010.

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Tayyip Erdogan said at his party headquarters in Istanbul. “The regime of tutelage in Turkey will now come to an end,” he said. “The mentality will be so that those enthusiastic for military coups will see their enthusiasms stuck inside them.”

The amendments make the

military more accountable to civilian courts and allow civil servants to go on strike. The opposition, however, believes a provision that would give parliament more say in appointing judges masks an attempt to control the courts, which have sparred with Erdogan’s camp.

The changes would also remove immunity from prosecution for the engineers of the 1980 coup. Kenan Evren, the military chief who seized power and became president, is 93 and ailing. Street clashes marred voting at several polling stations in provinces with large Kurdish populations. A Kurdish party had urged supporters to boycott the ballot, arguing that the proposed changes would not advance the rights of the ethnic minority. Since Saturday, police nationwide detained 138 people suspected of threatening people into boycotting the vote or casting their ballot in a certain way, Interior Minister Besir Atalay said.

In Ankara, the Turkish capital, President Abdullah Gul appealed for harmony in a country that, if divided on other levels, was fiercely united on one front this weekend — cheering on their team in the final of the world basketball championship. But in an Istanbul arena Sunday night, the U.S. defeated Turkey 81-64.

“The public has the final say in democracies,” Gul said after voting. “I would like to remind everyone to welcome

the result with respect and maturity.”

In a statement, the White House said President Obama called Erdogan just as the basketball final began to congratulate him for Turkey’s role as tournament host, and “also acknowledged the vibrancy of Turkey’s democracy as reflected in the turnout for the referendum that took place across Turkey today.”

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said the constitutional reform was critical to Turkey’s bid for EU membership.

“This discussion in society, also about the concrete form of the balance of power in the state, is very much to be welcomed,” Westerwelle said in a statement. “It certainly is not yet at an end.”

Devlet Bahceli, leader of Turkey’s Nationalist Action Party, a hardline nationalist group, warned that the changes would weaken the state and embolden Kurdish rebels who seek autonomy. He said Turkey had entered “a dark era filled with critical risks and dangers.”

Erdogan brushed aside concerns, saying his party now wanted to seek consensus for an entirely new constitution.

Just 2 percent of quake debris in Haiti cleared

TAMARA LUSH

Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — From the dusty rock mounds lining the streets to a National Palace which looks like it's vomiting concrete from its core, rubble is a ubiquitous reminder of Haiti's devastating earthquake.

Rubble is everywhere in this capital city: cracked slabs, broken-up cinder blocks, half-destroyed buildings that still spill bricks and pulverized concrete on the sidewalks. Some places look as though they have been flipped upside down, or are sinking to the ground, or listing precariously to one side.

By some estimates, the quake left about 25 million cubic meters (33 million cubic yards) of debris in Port-au-Prince, more than seven times the amount of concrete used to build the Hoover Dam. So far, only about two percent has been cleared, which means the city looks pretty much as it did a month after the Jan. 12 quake.

Government officials and outside aid groups say rubble removal is the priority before Haiti can rebuild. The reasons why so little has been cleared are complex and frustrating. Heavy equipment has to be shipped in by sea. Dump trucks have difficulty navigating narrow and mountainous dirt roads. An abysmal property records system makes it hard for the government to determine who owns a dilapidated property. And there are few sites on which to dump the rubble, which often contains human remains.

Projects funded by USAID and the U.S. Department of Defense have spent more than \$98.5 million to remove 1,153,620 cubic yards of rubble. Because all the equipment needs to be shipped to Haiti, and because land to dump the debris is scarce and expensive, the cost is high.

Also, no single person in the Haitian government has been declared in charge of clearing the rubble.

This means foreign n o n g o v e r n m e n t a l organizations have taken

on the rubble removal task themselves, often fighting for a small pool of available money and contracts. The work is done piecemeal, with little coordination.

"There's not a master plan," sighed Eric Overvest, country director for the U.N. Development Program. "After the earthquake, the first priority was clearing the roads. That was the easiest part."

Overvest said the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission, created after the earthquake to coordinate billions of dollars in aid, approved a \$17 million plan to clear rubble from six neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince. The six neighborhoods have not yet been selected, he added, and it is unclear when debris will be removed from other areas.

Leslie Voltaire, a Haitian architect, urban planner and presidential candidate, says his country needs a "rubble czar."

"Everybody is passing the blame on why things haven't happened yet," he said. "There should be one person in charge. Resettlement has not even begun yet, and it can't until the city has been cleared."

Voltaire maintains that there are enough crushers, dump trucks and other heavy equipment for the job; others say more machinery is needed. Everyone agrees that recovery will take decades, and the slower the rubble removal, the longer the recovery.

Most Haitians simply are living with the rubble, working and walking around it. After a while, the gray heaps and cockeyed buildings just blend into the tattered background of the city.

"It will take many, many years to fix," acknowledges Overvest. "We can't just go with wheelbarrows to remove it."

Still, that is exactly what some Haitians are doing: using shovels and wheelbarrows to clear properties, a Sisyphean task if there ever was one.

"Personally, I don't think Port-au-Prince will ever be



In this photo taken Aug. 25, 2010, a street vendor sits in front of rubble from a building, destroyed by the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. By some estimates, only 2 percent of the 250 million cubic meters of debris in Port-au-Prince has been cleared, for reasons ranging from lack of equipment and money to an abysmal property records system. Meanwhile, most Haitians just live and work around the piles of debris.

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cleared," shrugged 47-year-old Yvon Clerisier, an artist who was working a temporary job clearing rubble with a rusty shovel for a private homeowner on a recent summer day. He wore torn jeans, a sweaty T-shirt and

sandals, and was covered in a fine dust.

Clerisier was one of a dozen men in his crew; in 100-plus (40-plus Celsius) degree heat. The property owner, Gregory Antoine, said he paid the crew \$1,200 for three weeks of

work.

"People want to work," Antoine said. "If you get a good organization to put people to work and give them direction, things will get done. But right now, nothing is getting done."

Newborn baby found in Manila airport garbage bag

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Authorities at Manila's airport found a newborn baby in a garbage bag that was apparently unloaded from an airplane that landed Sunday from the Middle East, officials said.

Security officials brought the baby boy, who was covered in blood and wrapped in tissue paper, to an airport clinic, where doctors and nurses examined him and cleaned him up, wrapped him in cloth and gave him a bottle of milk, airport officials said.

"After he was cleaned, he let off a soft cry," airport nurse Kate Calvo said. "He was healthy, his vital signs were OK according to our doctors."

A security officer noticed something moving in



Nurses attend to a newborn baby found inside the lavatory of an airplane Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010 at Manila's international airport, Philippines. Ground crew cleaning the just landed Gulf Air from Bahrain found the baby inside one of the airplane's lavatory.

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a garbage bag that was reportedly unloaded from a Gulf Air plane that arrived from Bahrain and found the baby inside, an airport

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contemporaries Banda 007, Los Impalas from Venezuela, and the music of Antillean evergreen Rudy Plaate, charmed and delighted every one in the room.

Second-guitar player Ruddy Perrotte arranged the performance and he reports that the band will be returning to Garufa Ultra Lounge for an encore presentation in the very near future.

The Tramps got together

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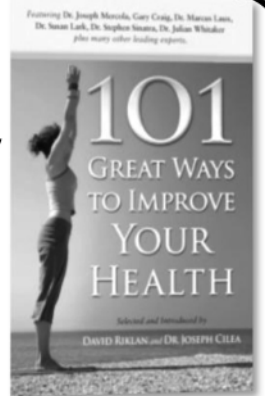
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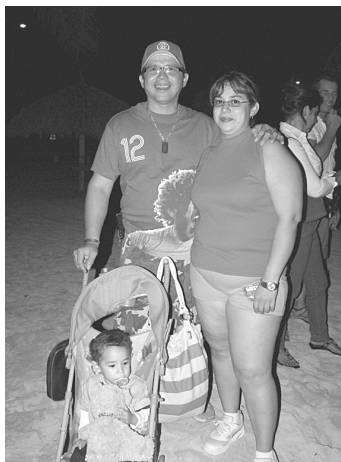
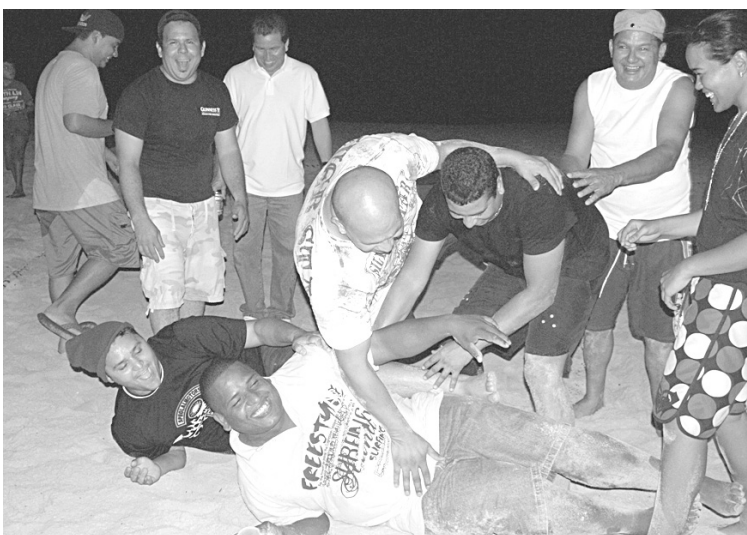
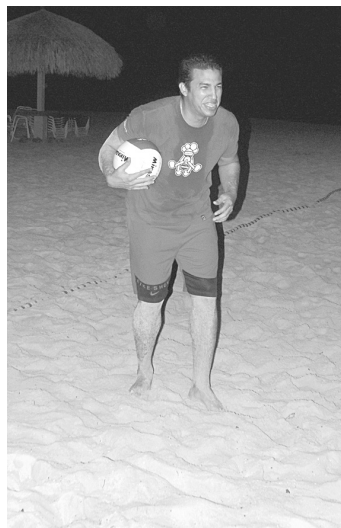
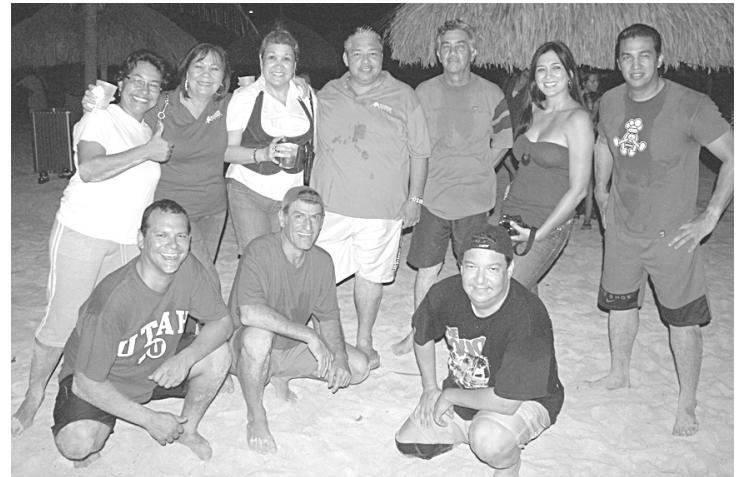
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At La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club

Laga-Laga-Laga wins Volleyball Tournament



EAGLE BEACH – A friendly game of beach volleyball was played Friday night pitching Managers vs. Associates, and Associates vs. Managers on Eagle Beach.

The game started in the early evening hours with a total of six teams and concluded in the wee hours with the victory of Laga-Laga-Laga, a team of associates with a ferocious

desire to win. Organized by Greta de Cuba, Recreation Manager, La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club, the tournament was a lot of fun, under a perfect night

sky, on one of the world's most-beautiful beaches. General Manager Joe Naajar reports that his team of department heads seemed to be leading at first but then

Laga Laga Laga – a triple let it go, in Papiamento – was unstoppable, and referee Marianne who did a fantastic job on the whistle,

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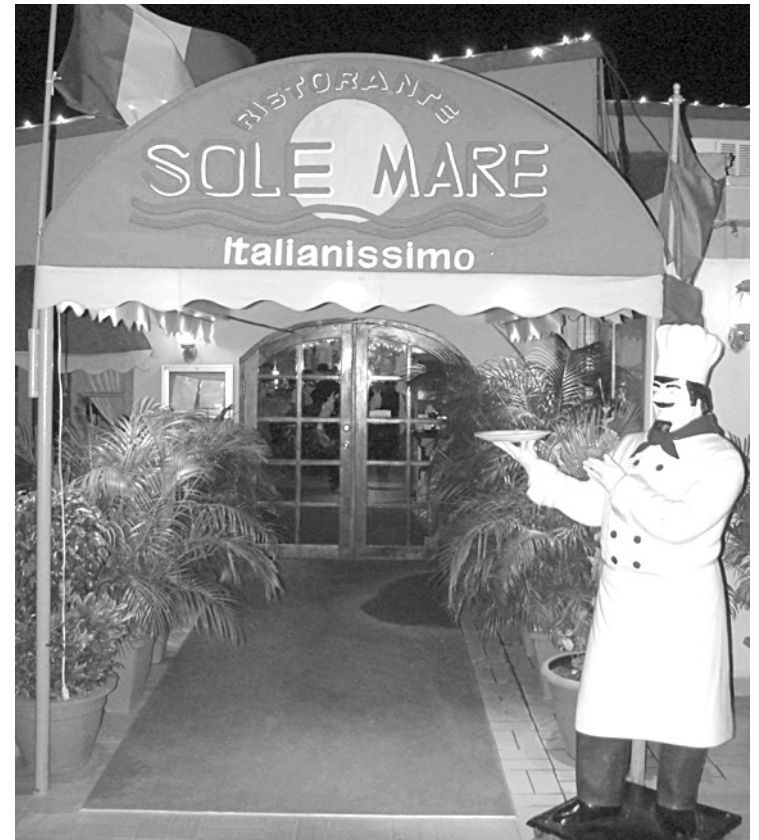


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Sole Mare Ristorante Italiano Introduces Early Bird Dining



PALM BEACH – Sole Mare Ristorante Italiano is a traditional family restaurant, within walking distance of the high-rise resorts. This stylish Italian eatery has never veered from its opening-day philosophy of serving delicious home-cooked Italian food, with rich, fresh flavors, at reasonable prices and in hearty portions, delivering an authentic slice of Italy, to Palm Beach, Aruba. Sole Mare is now offering considerable added value to its customers by serving an Early Bird Special for \$25, daily from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On the menu: Insalate Mista or Homemade Minestrone followed by Linguini Fruitti Di Mare or Fresh Filet of Grouper, with a side of pasta or vegetables or Chicken Parmigiana, with a side of pasta or vegetables and Caramel Flan or Ice cream for dessert, Coffee or Tea.

Those who wish to dine later in the evening may enjoy some of the chef's specialties such as Spaghetti Al Formaggio Parmigiana, an authentic Italian dish flamed with Whiskey tableside or Sole Mare Special, truly a seafood lover's favorite with jumbo shrimp, the largest on the island, mussels, clams, calamari, and Caribbean lobster over a bed of spaghetti, or the irresistible Ravioli alla Vodka with Lobster and Shrimp, brimming with homemade Ravioli with Caribbean lobster, jumbo shrimp and fresh mushrooms, sautéed with garlic and olive oil, flamed with vodka, blended with a delicate creamy tomato sauce and the decadent Rib Eye Pizzaiola, USDA certified Angus beef, sautéed with extra virgin olive oil, tomatoes, garlic, and gaeta black olives.

Kid will find dining at Sole Mare satisfying as they can choose from an extensive kids' menu featuring Rigatoni with Meat Sauce, Spaghetti with Meatballs, Fettuccini Alfredo, Meat Lasagna, Mozzarella Sticks, Cheese Ravioli or Chicken Fingers with French Fries.

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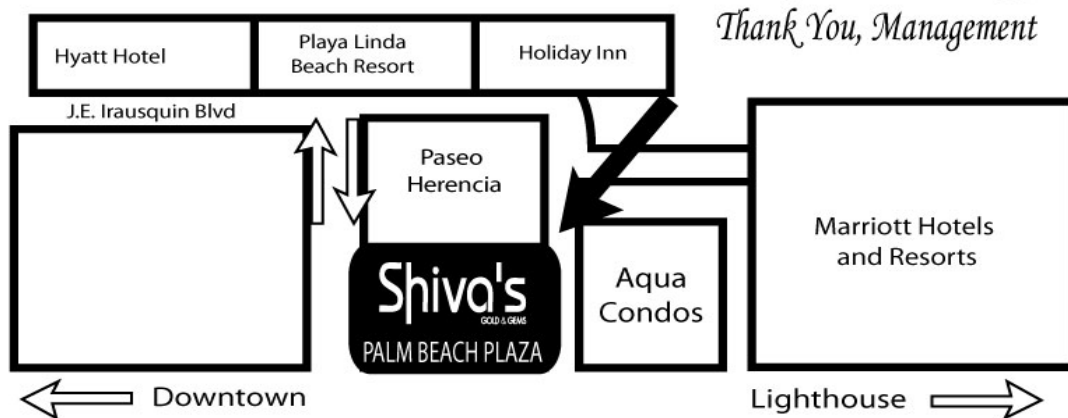
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"After a quarter century of providing unforgettable vacations, we are excited to announce the most significant program innovation in our history: a new product offering that is easy to use and will provide our Owners unparalleled flexibility," said Lee

Cunningham, executive vice president and chief operating officer for Marriott Vacation Club, North America and the Caribbean. "Over the years, we have successfully evolved our product offering based on Owner feedback, and the Marriott Vacation Club Destinations program reflects a tradition of Owner involvement and was designed specifically for both current and future Owners."

While the Marriott Vacation Club Destinations program in North America and the Caribbean will offer this enhanced opportunity to new customers going forward, current Owners will maintain the full rights and privileges of their ownership. At the same time, existing Owners will have the choice to

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Annually, Marriott Vacation Club Destinations Owners will receive an allocation of Vacation Club Points to redeem for customized



getaway experiences. They will also have the ability to bank, borrow, or purchase additional Vacation Club Points each year. In addition, the new program provides Owners the services of a personal Vacation Ownership Advisor to assist in travel arrangements within any one of the four Collections.

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The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars



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Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons. Reminiscent of a 1950s French café, the fully air-conditioned indoor dining room delights diners with its sparkling china, crisp linen, interesting bread baskets, and hand-painted tiles bordering the walls. A gracious staff, colossal desserts, and live jazz performed by Eddy Samson on piano add the perfect touches.

Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting. Now patrons have another charming dining option at the French Steakhouse—a tropical alfresco courtyard featuring delicious cuisine under the stars. Diners can choose from the restaurant's famed "Ooh-La-La" menu offerings, including creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry, and the pièce de résistance—South American and USDA beef specialties. Among other popular appetizers, the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple-mango salsa and the Teriyaki-Glazed Seared Duck Breast served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd-pleasers. The French Onion Soup is true to the restaurant's roots while the Honey-Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, located at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in the heart of the low-rise hotel area, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors at a reasonable price in a charming alfresco poolside setting. The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico, a 3-course dinner featuring an appetizer, main course, and dessert for just \$19.95 per person, plus 15% service charge. Patrons may choose between homemade soup and Caesar salad for the starter; between Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, and any favorite pizza for the main course; and between tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream for the sweet finale. Of course, the regular menu

continues to offer delicious antipasto and salads, like the Calamari Fritti and the Insalati Bistro; hearty Italian soups; fresh fish dishes, including Salmone Affogaro in Bianco; pasta dishes, like the Tortellini alla Gorgonzola; pizzas; meat dishes, like the Fileto Di Bue alla Castellana; decadent desserts, such as the Cream-Filled Cannoli; flavorful coffees; and the finest Italian wines. Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Shoco Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. The award is a national award of excellence and Aruba's top professional decoration in the hospitality industry. Open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner, Giorgio's makes authentic Italian cuisine a reality on Aruba. Patrons are cordially invited to bring a healthy appetite. □

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents beach cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of beach cuisine. Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a sun-splashed

menu on the oceanfront terrace, raising the restaurant to must-try status. Inspired by American, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek, and Mediterranean kitchens, the menu lists favorite international dishes all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair. Patrons can choose from a variety of tasty starters, like Wings on Fire and the Fiesta Snack Platter. Pega Pega's Sun-Sational Salads—including the Thai Chicken Salad and the Caribbean Fruit Symphony—provide a light lunch alternative. From the sandwich

board come the Cuban-Pressed Chicken Sandwich, the Grilled Grouper Reuben Sandwich, the Cudarebo Fish Taco, and the Philly Steak Sandwich. Mid-day platters also include vegetarian options and a variety of oversized beef burgers.

Pega Pega's tropical & frozen cocktail list leaves nothing out. A wide range of frosty beverages—from daiquiris, coladas, margaritas, and fruit or ice-cream smoothies to specialty blends like the Yellow Bird, Sex on the Beach, and the Cabuya—pretty much guarantees the perfect refreshing addition to lunch. A daily happy hour featuring live music is a great way to watch the sunset and kick off the evening.

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar is open on fabulous Eagle Beach every day from noon to 5 PM for lunch and from 11 AM to 11 PM for drinks. Patrons are cordially welcomed to enjoy the unrivaled views, caring service, and relaxed atmosphere of one of Aruba's oldest beach bars. □



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Seattle Storm's Sue Bird shoots with Atlanta Dream's Arminie Price defending during the second half of the first game of the WNBA finals in Seattle Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010. Storm won 79-77. Bird later made the winning shot in the final seconds.

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WNBA Finals Bird leads Storm past Dream in WNBA finals opener

SEATTLE (AP) — Sue Bird made a tiebreaking jump shot from the foul line with 2.6 seconds left as the Seattle Storm beat the Atlanta Dream 79-77 in Game 1 of the WNBA finals on Sunday.

Angel McCoughtry had a last-second try for the Dream, but her long 3-pointer from the left side bounced off the far side of the rim at the buzzer.

The best-of-five series resumes Tuesday night in Seattle.

Bird also hit a key shot in the Western Conference finals, making a 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left to give the Storm a 91-88 victory against Phoenix in the clinching game.

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Rain postpones U.S. Open final to Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Open men's final between Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic was postponed because of rain Sunday, marking the third consecutive year that the season's last Grand Slam tournament won't finish on schedule.

Nadal and Djokovic were supposed to begin playing at 2030 GMT, but showers began more than 1½ hours before that and hadn't stopped by 2215 GMT, when tournament officials decided to call it a night. They rescheduled the match to start no earlier than 2000 GMT on Monday.

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Rafael Nadal, of Spain, left, reacts after defeating Mikhail Youzhny, of Russia, during a men's semifinal match, and Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, right, reacts after defeating Roger Federer, of Switzerland in a men's semifinal match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010. Associated Press



Concussions take toll in Week 1 of NFL season

By The Associated Press

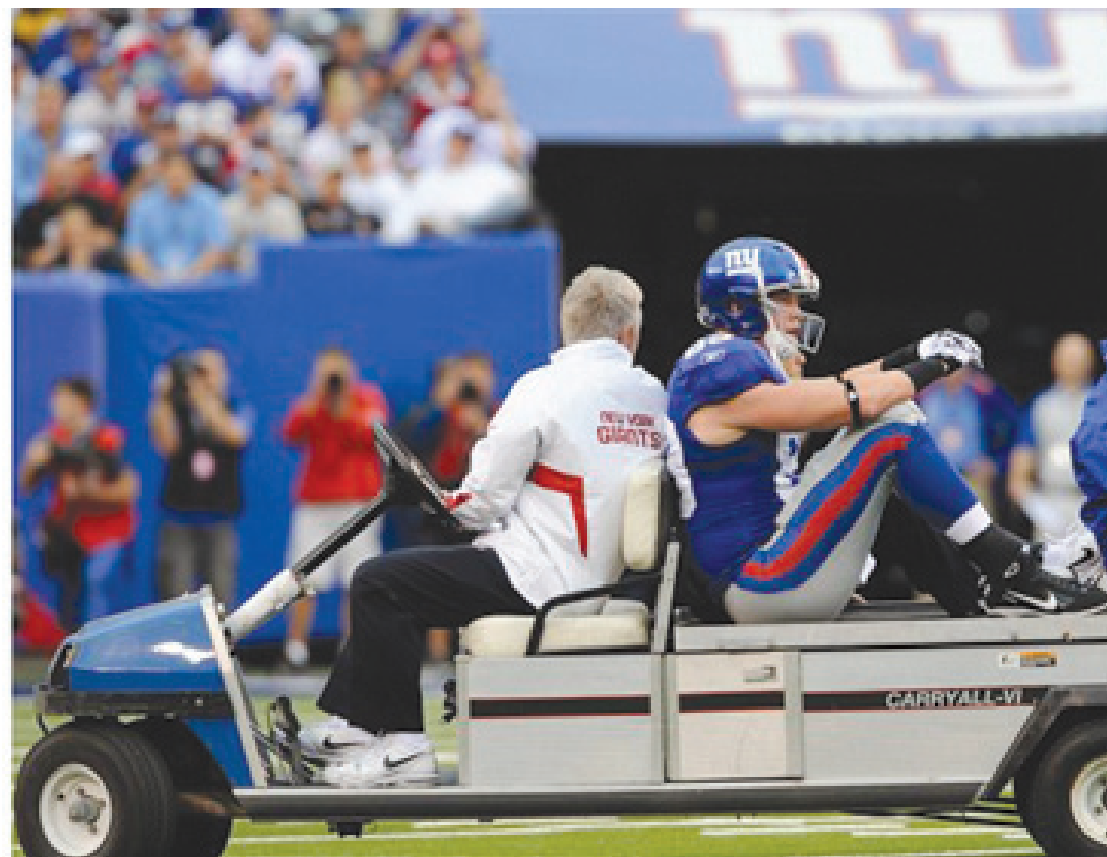
It was a rough day for quarterbacks on the opening Sunday of the NFL season.

Kevin Kolb of the Philadelphia Eagles and Matt Moore of the Carolina Panthers left their games with concussions — the same injury that sidelined New York Giants tight end Kevin Boss. Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford also was knocked out against Chicago with a right shoulder injury following a blindside sack by Julius Peppers.

Kolb was forced out against Green Bay, ending his first start in the post-Donovan McNabb era after one half. Kolb was hurt in the second quarter when he was tackled from behind by Packers linebacker Clay Matthews. The quarterback fumbled the ball out of bounds and was slow to get up.

Making his third career start, Kolb was looked at by trainers for several minutes on the Eagles' sideline. He returned to the game for one more series and threw three short incomplete passes.

Kolb went 5 of 10 for 24 yards and was sacked twice. He was one of several Eagles injured in the game. Philadelphia linebacker Stewart Bradley also sustained a concussion — and returned to play after his collision. Pro Bowl fullback Leonard Weaver (knee) and center Jamaal Jackson (elbow) did not return from



line. Moore, who fumbled on the play, walked gingerly off the field with athletic trainers by his side. Panthers coach John Fox said after the game that Moore sustained a concussion.

Boss was knocked out of the game with a neck injury and concussion in the first quarter, and Giants special teams captain Chase Blackburn injured a knee late in the second quarter.

Boss was hurt after being hit in the back of the neck by Panthers safety Sherrod Martin on New York's fourth play from scrimmage. Boss was on the ground when he was hit on the incomplete pass. He was taken off the field on a cart.

Carolina wide receiver Charly Martin also sustained a concussion.

Buffalo's already banged-up linebacking group could be down another key player after Paul Posluszny sustained what's being described as a potential long-term knee injury.

Bills coach Chan Gailey said it's too early to determine the severity of the injury because Posluszny is scheduled to have further tests following a 15-10 loss to Miami. Though Gailey said the injury could be "short term," he didn't rule out the possibility that it could be significant.

Posluszny was hurt on the first play of the third quarter when he was one of three Bills defenders to bring down running back Ronnie Brown along the sideline. Posluszny sat on the field for several minutes before getting up on his own.

Houston Texans defensive end Connor Barwin was carted off the field against Indianapolis with a right leg injury. Barwin went down in the first quarter when Houston defensive tackle Antonio Smith accidentally slid into him while they were chasing Joseph Addai on a running play. Barwin ripped off his helmet in obvious pain, and Houston coach Gary Kubiak joined medical staff on the field.

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New York Giants' Kevin Boss, right, is taken off the field after being injured during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the Carolina Panthers at New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010. Boss was hurt after being hit in the back of the neck by Panthers safety Sherrod Martin on the Giants' fourth play from scrimmage.

Associated Press

their injuries. Left tackle Jason Peters sprained his right knee, yet stayed in the game. Weaver has a torn ACL in his right knee and Jackson has a torn biceps in his right arm. Stafford's status for Detroit's next game is uncertain. He said he will go through tests this week and is not sure if he'll be ready to play against Philadelphia.

"I don't know, we'll see," Stafford said. "I will try,

though."

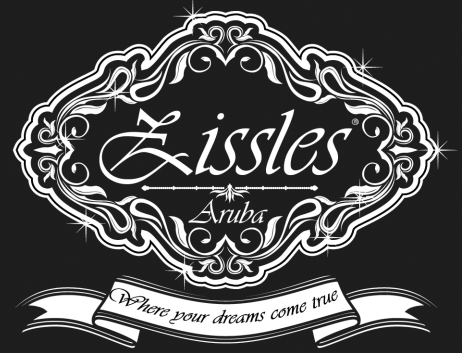
Bears running back Matt Forte had just scored an 89-yard touchdown on a screen pass to pull Chicago within 14-10 when Stafford went down. He was hit in the shoulder by Peppers as he dropped back to pass and landed on it, the ball coming loose in the process. Moore was injured late in the fourth quarter after being sacked by defensive end Osi Umenyiora near his own goal

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Johnson closes out a win at Cog Hill

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

LEMONT, Illinois (AP) — Dustin Johnson won the BMW Championship on Sunday and eased a summer of final round disappointments.

Playing in the final group for the fourth time since June, Johnson blasted a tee shot over the trees and into the fairway on the 17th hole at Cog Hill to set up a tap-in birdie and the outright lead. He closed with a 2-under 69 and a one-shot victory over England's Paul Casey.

It was the second victory this year for Johnson, a 26-year-old American who has quickly emerged as one of golf's rising stars. And it helped ease the sting of lost chances in three other tournaments, including two majors.

He squandered a three-shot lead at the U.S. Open. He made up a three-shot deficit at the PGA Championship, only to lose a one-shot lead on the final hole when he didn't realize he was in a bunker and grounded his club.

"To finally get it done, especially after all the things I've gone through this summer ... it can't feel any better," said Johnson, who finished at 9-under 275 and won \$1.35 million. "I played really good golf today."

Johnson was flawless to the very end on the back nine Sunday.

He moved to No. 2 in the FedEx Cup standings, giving him a clear shot at the \$10 million bonus in two weeks at the Tour Championship.

One player he won't have to beat at East Lake is Tiger Woods. The world's No. 1

player sputtered at the start and shot 70 to tie for 15th, not nearly enough to move into the top 30 in the standings and advance to the FedEx Cup finale.

It's the first time as a pro that Woods hasn't been eligible for a tournament.

"That's just the way it is," Woods said. "I didn't play well early in the year, and I didn't play well in the middle of the year."

His next event will be the Ryder Cup in two weeks, and he won't be the only Ryder Cup player with two weeks off. Woods and two other Ryder Cup picks, Stewart Cink and Rickie Fowler, also failed to qualify for the Tour Championship.

Woods played with Phil Mickelson for the first time all year, and Lefty buried him. Mickelson closed with a 67 and tied for eighth, his first top 10 since the U.S. Open.

It was the 26th time the world's best two players have been in the same group, and the record now stands at 11-11-4.

Casey was left off the Ryder Cup team despite being No. 9 in the world when European captain Colin Montgomerie made his three picks. He had a great chance to make Montgomerie look foolish, building a three-shot lead on the back nine, only to throw it away with three straight bogeys. Casey had three chances from the fairway coming in, but didn't give himself a birdie opportunity inside 25 feet.

"It was myself against the golf course, 72 holes, and I played it one shot worse than Dustin Johnson," Casey said.

With the 70-man field at Cog Hill narrowed to the final 30, the BMW Championship offered plenty of drama away from the leaders, and Matt Kuchar had

the greatest influence.

Kuchar tied for third and will be the No. 1 seed in two weeks at East Lake. He was at 7 under and needed a birdie for any hope of getting into a sudden-death playoff, but he ran his birdie putt about 3½ feet by the hole.

He missed that putt, which dropped him from a two-way tie for third into a three-way tie for fourth. That allowed K.J. Choi, who tied for fourth, to get into the top 30, knocking out Bill Haas.

Ryan Moore, the 54-hole leader, was alone in third place when he sent his second shot over the 18th green. He smartly played away from the pin to avoid chipping into the water and took his bogey, which kept him in the top 30. If Moore had made double bogey, he would have fallen out of the Tour Championship.



Dustin Johnson smiles on the 18th green during the final round at the BMW Championship golf tournament in Lemont, Ill., Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010. Johnson won at 9-under par. Johnson moved to No. 2 in the FedEx Cup standings and will have a shot at the \$10 million bonus in two weeks at East Lake.

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Players from the U.S. celebrate on the podium after winning the final of the World Basketball Championship between Turkey and the USA, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, in Istanbul. Associated Press

World Championship

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With Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and other U.S. stars skipping the tournament, this American group was called a "B-Team." But Durant led the team to its first world title since 1994 and fourth overall to restore American prestige on the international stage.

"Our only option was to come out here and get a gold and it feels really good to bring this back home to the States," Durant said.

Lamar Odom added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Americans, who qualified for the 2012 London Olympics.

Hedo Turkoglu of the Phoenix Suns scored 16 points for the Turks, who were bidding for their first title and were boosted by huge crowd support, with fans in red filling most of the 15,000-seat Sinan Erdem Dome.

The whistling was so loud when U.S. players were introduced that it was hard to make out the names.

"Nobody was expecting to be this far," Turkoglu said. "So I'm really happy, really proud."

Lithuania beat Serbia for the bronze earlier in the day.

Durant, who scored 33 and 38 points in the previous two games, again led the offense. He made seven three-

pointers.

Durant, the NBA scoring champion at Oklahoma City, was voted the most valuable player of the championship. He left the court with 42 seconds left and shared a long hug with coach Mike Krzyzewski, who finally won the world title after his previous two attempts ended with bronze medals.

"I thought we rallied and we became a little bit of an unconventional team," Krzyzewski said. "We thought we could win, we just felt it would be a lot harder, and they worked real hard and they made it happen."

The U.S. victory put a disappointing end on an important day for Turkey, which approved sweeping changes to its constitution in a referendum vote, which the government hailed as a leap toward full democracy.

President Barack Obama called Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan before the game, congratulating him on the success of the tournament and Turkey's team while acknowledging "the vibrancy of Turkey's democracy as reflected in the turnout for the referendum."

But the Turkish team, serenaded throughout by fans singing "12 Giant Men," its theme song since its runner-up finish while hosting the 2001 European championship, fell short of becoming the fourth host to win the world championship and first since Yugoslavia in 1970.

The Turkish players were a step slow and consistently beaten on the boards, perhaps drained from their thrilling 83-82 victory over Serbia in Saturday's late game.

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Alabama, Ohio St. pull away from Boise in AP poll

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

By College Football Writer

NEW YORK — The combination of impressive victories by Alabama and Ohio State and a stunning loss by Virginia Tech led to Boise State losing all but one of its first-place votes in the AP Top 25.

The Broncos were still No. 3, behind the top-ranked Tide and No. 2 Buckeyes in the poll released Sunday, but the gap has widened.

Alabama received 52 first-place votes and 1,466 points. Ohio State had five first-place votes and 1,410 points and Boise State received one and 1,306.

TCU remained fourth and Oregon jumped two spots to No. 5 after winning 48-13 at Tennessee.

Michigan moved into the rankings for the first time this season at No. 20 after its dramatic 38-24 victory at Notre Dame.

After Boise State beat Virginia Tech last Monday night in Landover, Md., the Broncos received eight first-place votes from the media panel and were only 13 points behind No. 2 Ohio State.

Some of the luster came off the Broncos' big nonconference victory when Virginia Tech was upset Saturday by James Madison, which plays in Division I's second tier.

Add to that the Buckeyes' 36-24 victory against Miami in Columbus, Ohio, and the Crimson Tide's 24-3 win against Penn State in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the top of the poll looks more like it did at the start of the season.

Pete DiPrimio of The Fort Wayne News-Sentinel in

Indiana was the lone voter to keep Boise State No. 1 this week.

In the USA Today coaches' poll, the top five was Alabama, Ohio State, Boise State, Texas and TCU.

Texas dropped a spot to No. 6 in The Associated Press poll and received one first-place vote. Oklahoma moved up three spots to No. 7 after beating Florida State, 47-17. Nebraska, Iowa and Florida rounded out the first 10.

No. 11 Wisconsin was followed by Arkansas, South Carolina, Utah and LSU.

Another Southeastern Conference team, Auburn, was No. 16, giving the SEC six ranked teams, more than any other league.

No. 17 Miami slipped five spots and No. 18 Southern California dropped two after beating Virginia 17-14. Stanford moved up six spots to No. 19 after shutting out UCLA 35-0 on the Rose Bowl. Michigan was followed by

West Virginia, Penn State, which slipped four spots, and three teams that were unranked last week — No. 23 Houston, No. 24 Arizona and No. 25 Oregon State.

While Miami and Penn State remained in the rankings after losing their marquee games Saturday, Florida State dropped all the way out.

The Seminoles were one of three Atlantic Coast Conference teams to fall out of the poll this week, joining Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech. The Hokies were unranked for the first time since Nov. 30, 2008, after becoming the second ranked FBS team to lose to an FCS team in the history of the AP poll.

The first was Michigan, which was No. 5 when it lost to Appalachian State to start the 2007 season. The victory caused The Associated Press to change its policy and allow voters to vote for teams in what used to be called I-AA.



Alabama's B.J. Scott runs out of the tunnel before Alabama's NCAA college football game against Penn State on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2011, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Alabama won 24-3.

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Carlos Barredo wins 15th stage of the Spanish Vuelta

LAGOS DE COVADONGA, Spain (AP) — QuickStep rider Carlos Barredo won the 15th stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Sunday, while Italy's Vincenzo Nibali kept the overall leader's red jersey.

The Spaniard won the tough 116.4-mile mountain ride in 4 hours, 33 minutes, 9 seconds — starting at Solares and ending with a special category finish at Lagos de Covadonga.

"I was convinced today could be a good opportunity," Barredo said. "Everything worked out."

Nico Sijmens of Cofidis was 1:07 behind Barredo and HTC-Columbia rider Martin Velits was 1:43 back in third as the field navigated the special category climb. The finish in Asturia's "Picos de Europa" (Peaks of Europe) have become a reference finish for the Spanish race

with its sharp ascent of nearly 3,280 feet over the last 12 kilometers.

Greg van Avermaet was 2:06 behind in fourth for Pharma-Lotto while French rider Pierre Cazaux trailed by 2:10 in fifth.

In the overall standings, Nibali, who rides for Liquigas-Doimo, kept a four-second lead over Spanish rival Joaquin Rodriguez of Team Katusha.

Fellow Spaniard Ezequiel Mosquera gained 11 seconds for Xacobeo Galicia and is now 39 seconds behind Nibali in third place, while Peter Velits of Slovakia is fourth at 2:29.

Monday offers another testing day as the 16th stage is a 112.7-mile ride from the Asturian city of Gijon to Cotobello, featuring two first category climbs before a special category finish.

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"I was able to get a real good look, and it was a pull-up, which is what I like, and swish," Bird said Sunday. "It's just something that, situations like this, I was put into at a very early age. At this point in my career, it's something I

enjoy. Those situations are fun — especially when they go in."

League most valuable player Lauren Jackson of Australia had 26 points and eight rebounds for Seattle. Bird finished with 14 points, and Camille Little had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

McCoughtry and Iziarne Castro Marques had 19 points

apiece for Atlanta. Sancho Lyttle added 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Jackson made a 3-pointer late in the third to give Seattle the lead for good at 52-49 and the Storm carried a six-point advantage into the final period. After shooting just 2 of 7 in the first half, Jackson went 5 of 8 in the third, scoring 14 points.

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U.S. OPEN

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The third-seeded Djokovic warmed up on a practice court beside Arthur Ashe Stadium as drops fell at about 3 p.m. — and he probably didn't mind the wait until Monday. That's because he reached the final with a grueling five-set victory over Roger Federer on Saturday, while Nadal won his earlier semifinal in straight sets.

This marks the first three-year string of delayed finishes at the tournament since the men's and women's singles competitions were combined and played at the same site in 1935.

Before 2008, the U.S. Open men's final hadn't been pushed to Monday since 1987.

Monday's forecast calls for a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

The women's doubles final was stopped Sunday with



Liezel Huber and Nadia Petrova three points from victory while leading 5-4 in the third set against Vania King and Yaroslava Shvedova. That was scheduled to resume Monday at 1900 GMT — weather permitting, of course.

The U.S. Open is the only Grand Slam tournament that schedules its men's singles semifinals and finals on back-to-back days, which could have proved to be a disadvantage for Djokovic. After Saturday's win,

Djokovic was told about the possibility of rain Sunday. He opened his eyes wide and rubbed his hands together. "I don't know the rituals, how to invite the rain," he said. "An extra day would be great." Well, he gets it. The top-

seeded Nadal, meanwhile, will have to wait at least a day for his shot at history. Playing in his first U.S. Open final, the Spaniard is seeking to become the seventh man in tennis history to complete a career Grand Slam.

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Kim Clijsters looks to other Grand Slams

RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) —

After winning her second consecutive U.S. Open title and third overall, Kim Clijsters is looking to finally make her breakthrough at the other Grand Slams.

All of the Belgian's three major championships have come at the U.S. Open, so there's still plenty to accomplish.

"They all motivate you in a different way," Clijsters said of the other Grand Slams after winning again at Flushing Meadows on Saturday night, beating Russia's Vera Zvonareva in straight sets.

The Australian Open, played on hard courts like the U.S. Open, is somewhere she believes she can do better. She feels a connection to Wimbledon because her late father always enjoyed his time there. And the French Open seems like home because so many Belgians attend.

Clay is her least favorite surface. She has twice reached the final at Roland Garros.

"Maybe I should embrace it a little bit more and have that confidence that I have whenever I step on a hard court," Clijsters said.

If she stays healthy, Clijsters will have at least two more chances to win at those other Grand Slams. She has said repeatedly she wants to play in the Olympics in London in 2012, but she doesn't envision herself staying around much longer than that.

Clijsters had never successfully defended a major title — until now.

"A new kind of emotion that I've never really experienced before," Clijsters said in an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday morning, hours after sweeping past Zvonareva in the final.

"That was fun to have that change in my career now



Kim Clijsters, of Belgium, reacts after defeating Vera Zvonareva, of Russia, to win the women's championship match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010.
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that I'm a little older and still feel those new emotions."

Clijsters recalled that she watched the 2006 U.S. Open from home with a cast on her wrist. She had won her first Grand Slam championship at Flushing Meadows the previous year, but couldn't defend the title because of injuries. Frustration with an inability to stay healthy was part of why she soon retired from tennis.

She also wanted a family, and since her comeback to the sport just over a year ago Clijsters has proved you can have both. She limits her playing schedule to ensure she spends enough time with her 2½-year-old daughter, Jada.

In her year back on tour, Clijsters has had to learn to expect that she may struggle in the first tournament back after a layoff. It's a sense of perspective that doesn't come naturally to players.

"That's a switch I've had

to make: 'OK, I'm taking tournaments because I need the matches and I'm working on things I want to focus on,'" Clijsters said. "It's definitely frustrating at times."

She recalled that back in March, she lost early at Indian Wells — then won her next tournament at Miami.

Clijsters and her husband, Brian Lynch, want more children and talk about it sometimes. But for now they're in no rush.

Even if Jada is good at putting on the pressure.

"She's like, 'I want a sister. I want a brother.' And she says it and I'm like, 'Oh, I'm so sorry,'" Clijsters said with a laugh. "But she's fine. And I know that when she's a little bit older, she'll be very much helping out and that's something that she looks forward to as well."

"We have dogs for now," she added. "So she still has other siblings."



Michelle Wie, left, congratulates Yani Tseng, of Taiwan, on the 18th green after Tseng sank a putt to win the LPGA's Northwest Arkansas Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, in Rogers, Ark. Tseng finished the tournament 13 under par, one stroke ahead of Wie.
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NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

ROGERS, Arkansas (AP) —

Taiwan's Yani Tseng won the Northwest Arkansas Championship on Sunday for her third LPGA Tour victory

Tseng overtakes Wie to win Arkansas tournament

of the year, shooting a 6-under 65 to rally past second-round leader Michelle Wie.

Tseng birdied four of five holes early on the back nine, then held on for a one-stroke victory over Wie with a birdie on No. 18. Tseng finished at 13-under 200.

Wie (69) gave up the lead on the back nine — the same half of the course she played in 7-under 28 during a scintillating stretch Saturday.

Japan's Mika Miyazato (64) was third at 10 under at Pinnacle Country Club.

Tseng has five career LPGA Tour victories, including three majors. She won the Kraft Nabisco Championship and Women's British Open this year.

Juli Inkster, who at 50 was trying to become the oldest player to win on the tour, entered the day tied for second, but shot 72 and finished seven shots back.

Inkster was grouped with Tseng and Wie on the final day, with the 20-year-old Wie trying for her second straight win. She won the Canadian Women's Open late last month.

Wie led by three strokes after two rounds but fell into a tie with Inkster at 9 under when she three-putted No. 6 for a bogey. Wie responded with a birdie on No. 7 and led Tseng by two strokes after both players birdied the 11th.

Tseng kept the pressure on. Although Wie scrambled to make pars on Nos. 13, 14 and 15, Tseng birdied 12, 14 and 15 to take the lead.

Wie then bogeyed No. 16 to fall two strokes back, but hit an outstanding tee shot on the par-3 17th and made a birdie, one of only six on that hole all day. That set up No. 18, a 515-yard par 5 that Wie had eagled the previous day. Tseng missed the fairway but hit a tremendous second shot from about 200

yards to the fringe, around 20 feet from the hole. Wie then missed the green with her second shot, all but ending her chances. Both players finished with birdies — Tseng's on a putt from inside 2 feet.

Tseng has played well in majors, but she struggled in some of the less prestigious tournaments. Since winning the Women's British Open, she tied for 45th at the Safeway Classic and missed the cut at the Canadian Women's Open.

The Arkansas event was only 54 holes but had a loaded field with almost every top player in the world. Inbee Park (65) finished fourth, five strokes behind the winner. Jiyai Shin (66) and Seon Hwa Lee (69), the last two champions at this event, were in a group of players another shot back.

Ai Miyazato (67) tied for ninth, and Cristie Kerr (70) tied for 32nd.

Alonso wins Italian GP for Ferrari; Button second

PAUL LOGOTHETIS

AP Auto Racing Writer

MONZA, Italy (AP) — Fernando Alonso recovered from a poor start to win the Italian Grand Prix for home team Ferrari on Sunday and revive his Formula One title chances.

The Spaniard lost pole position to McLaren's Jenson Button at the first corner but retook the lead after the pit stops to hold on for a 2.9-second victory.

Felipe Massa of Ferrari was third and Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel came fourth.

Red Bull driver Mark Webber, who finished sixth, leads the overall standings with 187 points. Lewis Hamilton

crashed out on the first lap and is second with 182. Third-place Alonso has 166, Button 165 and Vettel 163.

Alonso said his 24th career victory came second only in importance to his Spanish GP win in 2006 as it gave him hope of a third world title with five races left.

"We made the right choices in the right moments," Alonso said after his third victory of the season. "With the result we gain some confidence and motivation for the whole team not to give up. (But) we need to remain calm. We need to find some consistency, that would be the key."

Alonso was making his debut

at Monza for the Italian team and it was Ferrari's first victory at its home track since Michael Schumacher won in 2006.

Alonso was already celebrating his win in front of fans ahead of the finish line after tying Juan Manuel Fangio of Argentina for eighth all-time. A huge heart-shaped Ferrari banner was unhurled in front of the podium before the champagne came out.

"I never imagined that it was so good," said Alonso, who won here for McLaren in 2007. "A very emotional week."

Button made a great start to move ahead of Alonso, who



Ferrari driver Fernando Alonso of Spain, right, the winner, celebrates on podium with second placed McLaren Mercedes driver Jenson Button of Britain after the Italian Formula One Grand Prix at the Monza racetrack in Monza, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010. Fernando Alonso recovered from a poor start to win the Italian Grand Prix for home team Ferrari on Sunday. Alonso lost his pole position to Jenson Button at the first corner but retook the lead after the pit stops to hold on for a 2.9-second victory over his McLaren rival.

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Russia dominates men's freestyle wrestling at worlds

M O S C O W

(AP) — Bilyal Makhov and Denis Tsargush completed Russia's domination in men's freestyle wrestling by winning gold medals at the world championships on Sunday.

Defending champion Makhov won his fifth world title in the 120-kilogram class by beating



Russia's Bilyal Makhov, foreground, reacts after defeating Uzbekistan's Artur Taymazov during their 120kg freestyle final match at the World Wrestling Championships in Moscow, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010.

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Artur Taymazov of Uzbekistan 1-0, 1-0.

Earlier, Tsargush defended his title by beating Sadeh Saeed Goudarzi of Iran 1-0, 3-0 in the 74-kilogram category for his second world top podium.

Asia champion Kumar Sushil of India denied Russia from sweeping top podiums Sunday by beating Alan Gogaev 2-1, 1-0 in the final of the 66-kilogram class.

Both Russians won their matches by points. "There are no easy victories at the world championships," Makhov said. "All the participants were the best wrestlers in their categories and it didn't matter if they were

Olympic champions or merely only national ones — you still had to expend the same energy and especially emotions in bouts against them."

Tsargush said that he had managed to avoid errors and gained points whenever it was possible.

"There are no weak wrestlers at the worlds," he said. "But I knew my opponent well and was well prepared to face him."

Russia hasn't missed a podium in any of seven men's freestyle events, winning four gold medals, two silver and a bronze.

struggled to hold off teammate Massa only days after the pair were cleared over a team orders controversy in a 1-2 finish at the German GP on July 25.

"It was all looking very good but it was a tough race mentally to have Fernando behind you," defending world champion Button said. "I spent the whole time looking in my mirrors trying to judge how far Fernando was behind." Webber started poorly for the second straight race but Hamilton fared even worse. He exited before the halfway point of his first lap after bumping with Massa as the pair jostled for third with the McLaren driver's front right wheel damaged.

"I only have myself to blame," Hamilton said. "I tried my best and some things just don't go your way."

Webber easily passed Vettel on the 21st lap to sit seventh even though his German teammate was lapping faster. But Vettel, who had started sixth, eventually got past and worked his way up the field to recover from the Belgian GP, where he finished out of the points after crashing into Button.

Alonso was able to get back in front after the top two pitted, emerging with less than a second advantage at the start of the 38th lap. He held the

lead to the end.

Button said he struggled on the new tires after his stop.

"Everything was going smoothly but then we pitted one lap early and maybe that was a mistake," Button said. "That's for me where I lost time."

Vettel confirmed his spot at the close as he pitted to make the mandatory tire change on his last lap. He returned in front of Nico Rosberg, who finished fifth for Mercedes.

Webber was left frustrated by a running duel with Nico Hulkenberg of Williams, who cut across chicanes several times as he battled with the Australian driver. Hulkenberg ultimately finished seventh.

"We underperformed as a team today," Webber said. "We could have capitalized and got more points, but we sniffed around just getting a few. It's a bit disappointing but at least we got some (points)."

Spanish team HRT said a member of its team "had an incident" during driver Sakon Yamamoto's pit-stop. An ambulance arrived in the pit lane to attend to the person. No further details were immediately available.

F1 now departs Europe to begin a three-race swing through Asia, starting with the Singapore GP night race on Sept. 26.

French filmmaker Claude Chabrol dies at 80

PARIS — French director Claude Chabrol, one of the founders of the New Wave movement whose films probed the latent malice beneath the placid surface of bourgeois life, died on Sunday. He was 80.

Christophe Girard, who is responsible for cultural matters at Paris City Hall, announced the death on his blog. Other City Hall officials confirmed that Chabrol passed away, but declined to provide any details, including the cause of death.

A prolific director, Chabrol made more than 70 films and TV productions during his more than half-century-long career. His first movie, 1958's "Le Beau Serge" won him considerable critical acclaim and was widely considered a sort of manifesto for the New Wave, or "Nouvelle vague" movement — which reinvented the codes of filmmaking and revolutionized cinema starting in the late 1950s. The vastly influential movement also included directors like Francois Truffaut and Jean-Luc Godard.

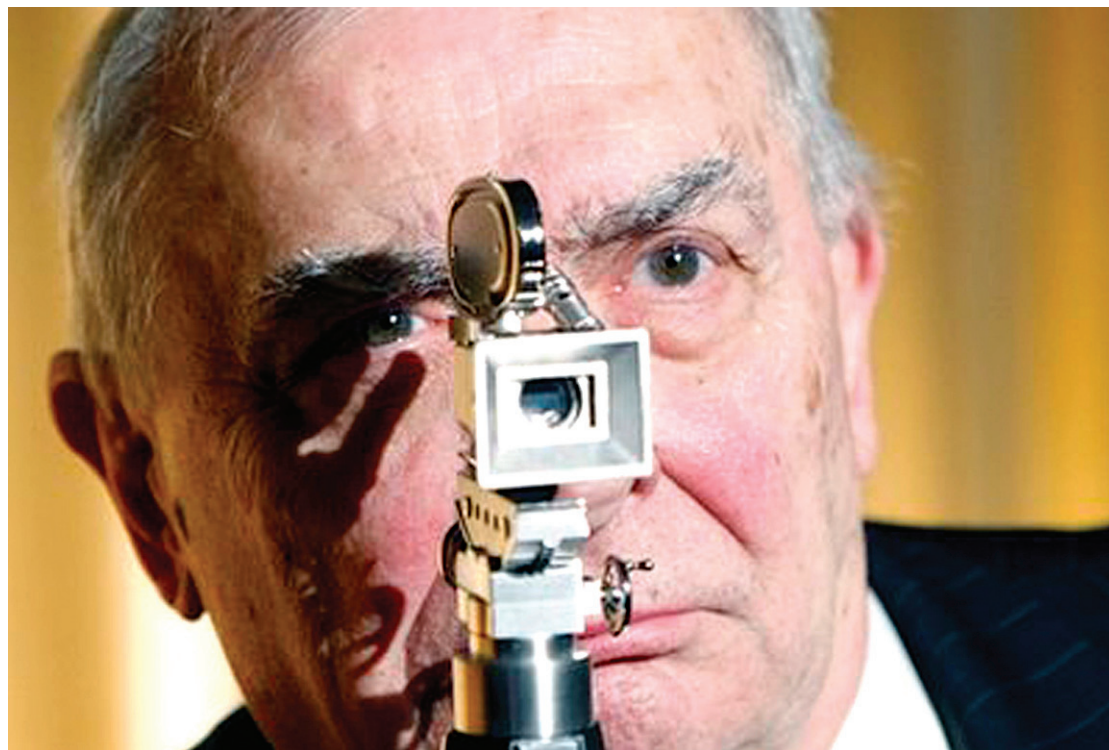
Chabrol's movies focused on the French bourgeoisie, lifting the facade of respectability to reveal the hypocrisy, violence and loathing simmering just below the surface. Often suspenseful, his work drew comparisons with that of Alfred Hitchcock.

President Nicolas Sarkozy, speaking during his trip Sunday to the western Dordogne region, compared Chabrol to two giants of French letters, Rabelais and Balzac.

Prime Minister Francois Fillon called him a "great director, producer and screenwriter (who) was one of the grand figures of the 'Nouvelle vague,' which revolutionized the style and techniques of cinema by looking at real experience, true life, that which is indiscreet and subtle."

"With the death of Claude Chabrol, French cinema has lost one of its maestros," Fillon said in a statement.

Thierry Fremaux, who runs the Cannes Film Festival, told i-Tele news channel that



Chabrol "had a much more classic style" than some of the other, more experimental New Wave filmmakers. "But in this classicism there was such an audacity, such freedom and erudition that I think — and history will tell — that his thrillers ... will remain something totally unique in French cinema."

Speaking on France-Info radio, Fremaux called Chabrol's death "a real shock because he was 80 years old but he continued to work, and the energy, feeling and joie de vivre that he'd always shown made you think he'd always be around."

"Claude Chabrol is part of our national patrimony ... for his films and also for his personality," he said.

Serge Toubiana, who heads the Paris Cinematheque, told the same radio station that Chabrol "was a delicious, malicious man with an incredible intelligence. ... He loved to laugh, loved jokes and made jokes, sort of masked himself through joking."

Chabrol worked at a fast clip, churning out about a film every year. He wrote some original scripts, but also adapted classics of French literature, including "Madame Bovary" (1991) and stories by Guy de Maupassant, for the cinema and for television.

Chabrol's top films included "Les Biches," or "Bad Girls," from 1968 and 1970's "The

Butcher," as well as the 2000 mystery "Merci pour le chocolat," with actress Isabelle Huppert, one of his favorite actresses — who starred early on in her career in Chabrol's "Violette Noiziere," (1978) and "Story of a Woman" (1988).

Chabrol's last feature film, "Bellamy" — featuring another giant of French cinema, Gerard Depardieu — came out last year.

Chabrol was born in Paris on

June 24, 1930. The son of a pharmacist, he said he "completely" belonged to the sort of bourgeois social milieu that would become the fodder for his films — "otherwise I wouldn't have dared" depict it, Chabrol said in a 1987 interview.

The bourgeois "are always amusing and they can also be very mean, so it's just marvelous," he told "Mardi cinema" television program.

As a young man, he studied

literature and law before writing movie reviews in the respected French film magazine "Cahiers du cinema." He had not yet turned 30 when "Le Beau Serge," the story of a man's return to his native village after a long absence, was released to critical acclaim.

A bon vivant and longtime smoker, Chabrol was rarely seen without his trademark pipe or Cuban cigar — even on set. He was also a joker and liked to ham it up for the cameras, often making grimaces and funny faces while on the red carpet.

Chabrol also acted, making Hitchcock-style cameos in many of his own films, as well as those by other directors. He last appeared in this year's "Gainsbourg," playing a music producer in filmmaker Joann Sfar's biopic about singer Serge Gainsbourg.

In 2004, he was awarded the European Film Award for the body of his work and a year later received a top honor from the Academie Francaise. Chabrol was married three times and had three sons. Funeral arrangements were not immediately known.

Take That's Williams, Barlow reunite for charity

LONDON — Robbie Williams and Gary Barlow performed live together for the first time in 15 years on Sunday, singing their new single "Shame" at a charity concert in London to raise money for British soldiers.

The pair were members of the chart-topping boy band Take That before Williams walked out in 1995 to pursue a solo career. The 36-year-old enjoyed initial success, but his fortunes have waned in recent years while Take That, which reformed without Williams in 2005, has flourished.

"It's been 15 years in the making," Williams told the crowd of around 55,000 people at Twickenham Stadium, including Queen Elizabeth's grandson Prince Harry, who has served in Afghanistan with British forces.

"My wife calls him my boyfriend, I call

him my captain, to you, Mr. Gary Barlow," he added, as his former bandmate took to the stage for a duet which ended years of speculation in the British media and among fans.

Williams said last month that he and Take That planned a tour in 2011, although the reunion is expected to be temporary. Williams closed the concert with a rendition of his hit "Angels."

The event was held to raise money for the Help for Heroes charity, which supports soldiers who have been wounded in action. Among the other highlights on the night was Spanish star Enrique Iglesias singing "Hero," with the crowd providing the chorus as darkness fell. James Blunt, Katherine Jenkins and Plan B were among the other acts to perform.



Global regulators agree tougher Basel III bank rules

BASEL, Switzerland — Global regulators, aiming to prevent any repeat of the international credit crisis, agreed on Sunday to force banks to more than triple the amount of top-quality capital they must hold in reserve. The biggest change to global banking regulation in decades, known as “Basel III,” will require banks to hold top-quality capital totaling 7 percent of their risk-bearing assets, up from just 2 percent under current rules.



The rules may oblige banks to raise hundreds of billions of dollars of fresh capital over the next decade. Germany’s banking association, for example, has estimated its 10 biggest banks may need 105 billion euros (\$141 billion) of additional capital.

But to ease the burden on banks and financial markets, regulators gave the banks transition periods to comply with the rules. These periods, extending in some cases to January 2019 or later, are longer than many bankers originally expected.

“The agreements reached today are a fundamental strengthening of global capital standards,” European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet said. “Their contribution to long-term financial stability and growth will be substantial.”

Regulators hope the changes will push banks toward less risky business strategies and ensure they have enough reserves to withstand financial shocks without needing taxpayer bailouts.

But banks say the new requirements could reduce the amount of money they have available to lend out to companies, slowing economic growth in Europe and the United States as those regions recover from the credit crisis.

CAPITAL STANDARDS

Under Basel III, banks will hold top-quality capital -- known as “core Tier 1” capital, and consisting of equity or retained earnings -- worth at least 4.5 percent of assets.

They will also have to build a new, separate “capital conservation buffer” of common equity; this will be 2.5 percent of assets, bringing the total top-quality capital requirement to 7 percent. If they draw down this buffer, they will face curbs on the bonuses and dividends which they can pay out.

Another provision of Basel III, sharply criticized by some banks, will require them

to build a separate “countercyclical buffer” of between zero and 2.5 percent when the credit markets are booming.

National regulators will decide when economies have entered such periods of “excess aggregate credit growth.” They hope the buffer will slow lending when credit markets threaten to overheat, preventing dangerous bubbles from forming.

Although banks did not get their way on countercyclical buffers, they did appear to succeed in convincing regulators to provide generous transition periods.

The Tier 1 capital rule will take full effect from January 2015, with the capital conservation buffer phased in between January 2016 and January 2019. Some analysts said this showed regulators were caving in to the banks.

“The phasing-in period for the new capital requirements is surprisingly long, which will add to the skepticism about the robustness of the bank capital enhancement efforts,” Mohamed El-Erian, co-chief investment officer of bond investment giant PIMCO, told Reuters.

G20 ENDORSEMENT

The Basel III agreement was reached in Switzerland by central bank governors and top supervisors from 27 countries, after a year of horse-trading and lobbying that involved banks and governments seeking to protect their national interests.

Leaders of the Group of 20 leading countries, blaming the global credit crisis partly on risky trading by banks, called on regulators in 2009 to work on tougher bank capital rules. The G20 leaders are set to endorse Sunday’s deal when they meet in Seoul in November.

Most of the world’s top banks have to a large degree repaired their balance sheets since the crisis, so they are not expected to need to rush to raise funds in response to Basel III.

But Deutsche Bank, Germany’s flagship lender,

announced at the weekend that it planned to raise at least 9.8 billion euros to buy the rest of Deutsche Postbank. The fund-raising is seen partly as an effort to tap markets before any Basel-induced cash calls by other banks.

Deutsche Bank to raise \$12.4 billion to buy Postbank



FRANKFURT—Deutsche Bank (DBKGn.DE) plans to raise at least 9.8 billion euros (\$12.4 billion) to buy the rest of DeutschePostbank (DPBGn.DE), reducing its reliance on investment banking as tough new bank capital rules loom.

Germany’s flagship lender said it intended to offer between 24 euros and 25 euros a share for the remaining 70 percent stake in Postbank, the country’s largest bank by retail customers.

To fund the takeover, Deutsche Bank expects to issue a total of 308.6 million common shares from authorized capital at a preliminary subscription price of around 31.8 euros a share, the bank said in a statement on Sunday.

The capital increase is primarily intended to cover capital consumption from the planned Postbank consolidation, but will “also support the existing capital base to accommodate regulatory changes and business growth,” Deutsche Bank said.

By consolidating Germany’s largest retail bank by customers, Deutsche Bank is able to “significantly enhance Deutsche Bank’s revenue mix.”

Deutsche Bank shares closed at 47.70 euros on Friday after falling by around 5 percent as news of a possible capital increase leaked out. Shares in Postbank closed 4.8 percent higher at 27.03 euros a share.

Deutsche Bank shareholders will be able to buy one new share for every two they now hold. Subscription rights will start on September 22, the company said.

To consolidate Postbank this year, Deutsche Bank has to revalue its existing 29.95 percent stake. It will take a charge of around 2.4 billion euros in the third quarter, it said.

HEALTH

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PTSD Survivors' Children May Have Genetic Scars



The Holocaust is a crime that never seems to quit. Even as the ranks of survivors grow smaller each year, the impact of that dark passage in history continues to be felt. And it's not just the victims who feel the effects; it's their children too.

Psychologists have long been intrigued by the emotional profile of so-called second-generation Holocaust survivors. Parents who lived through the camps were forever changed by the horrors they witnessed. In the 21st century, many - probably most - would be recognized as suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Back then, the absence of such a diagnosis also meant the absence of effective treatments. As a result, a generation of children grew up in homes in which one, and sometimes both, parents were battling untold emotional demons at the same time they were going about the difficult business of trying to raise happy kids. No surprise, they weren't always entirely successful. (See pictures of Auschwitz after 65 years.)

Over the years, a large body of work has been devoted to studying PTSD symptoms in second-generation survivors, and it has found signs of the condition in their behavior and even their blood - with higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol, for example. The assumption - a perfectly reasonable one - was always that these symptoms were essentially learned. Grow up with parents afflicted with the mood swings, irritability, jumpiness and hypervigilance typical of PTSD and you're likely to wind up stressed and high-strung yourself. (See more on how kids are vulnerable to posttraumatic stress.)

Now a new paper adds another dimension to the science, suggesting that it's not just a second generation's emotional profile that can be affected by a parent's trauma; it may be their genes too. The study, published in the journal *Biological Psychiatry*, was conducted by a team led by neurobiologist Isabelle Mansuy of the University of Zurich. What she and her colleagues set out to explore went deeper than genetics in general, focusing instead on epigenetics - how genes change as a result of environmental factors in ways that can be passed onto the next generation. (See pictures of a U.S. Army town coping with PTSD.)

To conduct their work, Mansuy's team raised male mice from birth and continually but unpredictably separated them from their mothers from the time they were one day old until they were 14 days old. Thereafter, the animals were reared, fed and cared for normally, but the early trauma took its toll.

US church wants to resume Zimbabwe AIDS work



JOHANNESBURG — A California church wants to get back to helping AIDS orphans in Africa, once it resolves questions over licensing that led to the arrests of six of its workers in impoverished Zimbabwe, a minister said Sunday.

The six — five Americans and a Zimbabwean — were arrested Friday and have been held at Harare Central police station, where conditions in the cells are notoriously grim. They will appear in court Monday on charges of operating without proper medical licenses, according to their lawyer in Zimbabwe.

Theophous Reagans, a minister at the Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California, said by telephone Sunday the church has been working in Zimbabwe for more than a decade and that this is the first time questions over licensing have been raised. He said one of the Americans lives in Zimbabwe, while the others are among church members who visit three or four times a year, paying their own way to help at a home for AIDS orphans the congregation has adopted.

"Our prayer and our hope is that they will be released," after Monday's hearing, Reagans told *The Associated Press*.

The church's work in Zimbabwe was started in 2000 by Robert C. Scott, an Allen Temple member, AIDS activist and doctor. Scott died last year.

"Dr. Scott worked diligently for 10 years to build that ministry and serve," Reagans said. "We want to continue."

Reagans said most of Allen Temple Baptist Church members are black, and feel a strong connection to Africa.

In 2008, at the height of a political crisis in Zimbabwe, the government accused independent aid groups of supporting opposition activists and barred them from distributing aid for three months. Zimbabwe also has clashed with aid groups over funding. In 2007, Zimbabwe's central bank confiscated U.S. dollars being held in local bank accounts, including about \$12 million belonging to the Global Fund, a major international supporter of programs to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. When the central bank failed to return its money, the Global Fund threatened to cut off aid. Its funds were eventually returned.

Conditions for international aid workers have eased since longtime ruler Robert Mugabe was forced into a power-sharing agreement with his opponent Morgan Tsvangirai as prime minister last year. The partnership has been strained. Mugabe's supporters continue to be accused of abusing human rights, but Tsvangirai's party has been praised for its administration of key ministries, including health, education and finance.

Reagans said his church had not been affected by previous problems encountered by international aid workers in Zimbabwe.

"We really believe that for the last nine-10 years, we have been working in consort with the authorities in Zimbabwe," he said.

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No va a descansar hasta ver al terrorismo totalmente doblegado

MADRID - El presidente de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, ha declarado que su gobierno no va a descansar "hasta ver al terrorismo totalmente doblegado". En sus declaraciones del viernes ha condenado la emboscada perpetrada por las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) en el departamento de Putumayo, y en el que según el último balance han muerto nueve policías.

"Cada vez que cae uno de nuestros héroes, (la Fuerza Pública) se va a levantar con más ímpetu, con más fuerza, con más determinación hasta ver el terrorismo totalmente doblegado", afirma el dignatario colombiano en un comunicado de la Presidencia.

"Y si creen que ataques como éste nos van a debilitar, se equivocan de cabo a rabo. Todo lo contrario, eso lo que hace es llenarnos de más determinación, de más contundencia, porque no vamos a descansar un solo segundo hasta que no tengamos la plena paz en este país", ha añadido dirigiéndose a los rebeldes de las FARC.

Por último, trasladó su pésame a las familias de los fallecidos y a la Policía colombiana. "Esto nos debe llenar de más valor y más determinación, para seguir cumpliendo con ese deber que tanto admiran los colombianos, y es el de dar la paz y la tranquilidad a todos los compatriotas en todo el territorio", concluyó Santos.



Presidente Santos

Candidata brasileña Rousseff mantiene amplia ventaja



Candidata brasileña Rousseff

BRASILIA (Reuters) - La candidata del partido gobernante a la presidencia de Brasil, Dilma Rousseff, mantiene una amplia ventaja en las preferencias de los votantes que la llevaría a ganar en primera vuelta en las elecciones de octubre, mostró el viernes un sondeo de opinión.

Rousseff, una funcionaria civil de carrera, cuenta con una intención de voto de un 50 por ciento contra el 27 por ciento del principal candidato opositor, Jose Serra, de acuerdo a una encuesta de Datafolha dada a conocer por TV Globo. La misma encuesta mostró la semana pasada que Rousseff

iba a la cabeza con un 50 por ciento de las preferencias frente al 28 por ciento de Serra.

Rousseff, la ex jefa de gabinete del presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, obtendría un 56 por ciento de los sufragios válidamente emitidos, sin considerar los votos nulos y en blanco. La candidata se ha beneficiado enormemente del respaldo dado por Lula, que cuenta con altas cifras de popularidad gracias a su carisma y una economía en auge.

Lula ha reforzado sus esfuerzos de campaña a favor de Rousseff en las semanas recientes, participando

regularmente en las concentraciones políticas junto a ella.

El viernes, él criticó a Serra, un ex ministro de salud, por presentar proyectos de servicios de salud en los que después no invirtió cuando fue gobernador del estado de Sao Paulo.

El comienzo de la publicidad televisiva gratuita el mes pasado dio un fuerte empuje a Rousseff debido a que muchos votantes tuvieron una visión más cercana de la candidata de 62 años. Hasta la semana pasada ella también había recaudado más fondos de campaña que todos sus rivales en conjunto.

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Los carteles mexicanos recibieron unas 15.000 armas desde EE.UU. entre 2005 y 2009

SAN DIEGO - Carteles de drogas mexicanos han recibido unas 15.000 armas procedentes de EE.UU. desde el 2005 al 2009, de acuerdo con un estudio dado a conocer el viernes por el Instituto Trans-Fronterizo de la Universidad de San Diego (USD).

Destaca que una de las tendencias significativas ha sido el aumento en el número de rifles de estilo militar y munición, pese a los esfuerzos de gobiernos de ambas naciones para evitar este tráfico.

El estudio "Tráfico de Armas de Fuego de EE.UU. hacia México: Nueva información e Ideas Iluminan Tendencias Claves y Retos" fue elaborado por Colby Goodman y Michel Marizco en colaboración con el Centro Wilson de USD.

Los autores indican que estas armas están siendo utilizadas por los carteles para atacar a la policía, funcionarios y periodistas en México,

imponer impuestos ilegales contra la población mexicana, e incluso para atacar a funcionarios del Departamento de Estado en EE.UU..

"Estas acciones también contribuyen a crear flujos de inmigración para alejarse de las zonas de violencia, en algunos casos hacia EE.UU.", de acuerdo con el estudio.

En mayo del 2010, el gobierno mexicano indicó que de las 75.000 armas de fuego que decomisó en los últimos tres años, cerca del 80 por ciento, o 60.000 de ellas, procedía de EE.UU., particularmente de Texas, Arizona y California.

Uno de los indicadores del aumento de la demanda de armas procedentes de EE.UU. en México es el alza de precio de los rifles semiautomáticos AK-47, los cuales se pueden conseguir entre 1.200 y 1.600 dólares en EE.UU. pero que se venden entre 2.000 y 4.000 dólares en el sur de México.

El estudio indicó que las dos principales armas de fuego decomisadas en México que fueron compradas originalmente en EE.UU. fueron rifles semiautomáticos AK-47 y los rifles clonados AR-15 de manufactura rumana que han sido importados a EE.UU. pese a un embargo sobre los rifles de asalto semiautomáticos.

Otras armas que han sido cada vez más traficadas son los rifles calibre .50 BMG, pistolas de 5.7mm, además de tambores de revistas para el AK-47 con cartuchos de municiones de 50, 75, y 100 tiros.

Los autores del estudio proponen que el gobierno de EE.UU. aumente el financiación para la Oficina de Alcohol, Tabaco, Armas de Fuego y Explosivos (ATF) a fin de que incremente sus operativos en la frontera sur, junto con cambios en las leyes para que se notifique a autoridades cuando un individual efectúa múltiples compras de armas en EE.UU. en corto tiempo.

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